

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 726 - HB 1495

March 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines a “polysomnographic technologist” to require the direct supervision of a licensed physician, expands accredited sleep technologist education programs to include ones accepted by the Board of Medical Examiners, and redefines “practice of polysomnography” by excluding the task of educating patients on treatment regimens. Individuals seeking a polysomnographic license by July 1, 2010, are granted the option to complete an on-the-job training program which is acceptable to the Board and expands their options for certifying examinations and credentialing organizations. Deletes the licensure exemptions of an individual credentialed in a health-related field from providing sleep-related services prior to sitting for the polysomnographic examination and a licensed respiratory therapist from providing sleep-related services. Grants polysomnographic students the authority to accept compensation for services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Board of Medical Examiners would make any necessary rule changes during a regularly scheduled meeting and will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$108,302.81.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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